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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,331,383
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,283,903
- (3) JP 05-119646
- (4) JP 07-049604
- (5) JP 11-065269
- (6) JP 2000-179539
- (7) JP 2000-181251

Documents (4) and (5) are listed in the specification at page 7, and documents (3), (6) and (7) at page 8. The Examiner is directed to these portions of the

specification which are believed to provide an explanation of relevance of these documents to the subject application.


In addition, English-language abstracts for cited Japanese documents (3) to (7) are enclosed, and are believed to provide an explanation of relevance of the Japanese documents to the subject application.

With regards to documents (1) and (2), these documents are believed to be the corresponding U.S. applications for Japanese documents (3) and (6) respectively, and may also provide an explanation of relevance of these Japanese documents to the subject application.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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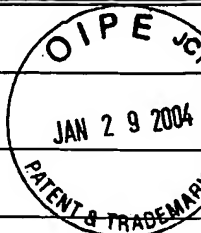
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		6,283,903	09/2001	Onuki, et al.	492	56	
		5,331,383	07/1994	Nou, et al.	355	274	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		05-119646	05/1993	Japan			Abstract
		07-049604	02/1995	Japan			Abstract
		11-065269	03/1999	Japan			Abstract
		2000-179539	06/2000	Japan			Abstract
		2000-181251	06/2000	Japan			Abstract

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